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FROM: **Mark J. Saladino**
Treasurer and Tax Collector 

SUBJECT: BUSINESS LICENSE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY REPORT
FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

At the meeting of September 30, 1997, your Board approved amendments to the Los Angeles County Code requiring the Treasurer and Tax Collector, in cooperation with the Sheriff and the Department of Health Services, to implement a reporting format to track business license enforcement activity and to provide a quarterly summary to the Board of all license enforcement activities performed by the appropriate agencies.

A copy of the Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2003 is attached for your information. Detailed enforcement activity is available upon request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (213) 974-2101 or your staff may contact Dwight Andersen of my staff at (213) 893-7968.

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c: Business License Commission
Interdepartmental Coordination Group
Sheriff's Department
Department of Animal Care and Control
Fire Department
Department of Health Services
Regional Planning Department
Department of Public Works

**BUSINESS LICENSE ENFORCEMENT
ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT
QUARTER ENDING September 30, 2003**

TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR ACTIVITY

Businesses Inspected	680
In Compliance	485
Non Compliance	195
License Not Posted	39
Unlicensed Activity	59
New Owner	26
Other Violation	71

Non Compliance Enforcement Actions	195
Business w/County License	110
Pending Disposition	24
Action Taken	86
Owner Corrected Violation	86
Referred to BLC and ICG	0
Business without County License	85
Pending Disposition	17
Action Taken	68
Corrected Violation	68
Referred to ICG	0

TAXICABS

Inspected	232
Sealed	232
Special Taxicab Enforcement (See attached report)	
In Compliance	0
Non Compliance	0
Citation Issued/Impounded	0

Itinerant Businesses Inspected	19
(Peddler, Tow Truck, Circus/Carnival)	
In Compliance	19
Non Compliance	0
Owner Corrected Violation	0
Referred to BLC and ICG	0

REPORTS FROM CONSTITUENTS OF NON COMPLIANCE

Non compliance	17
Business w/County License	6
Pending Disposition	0
Action Taken	6
Owner Corrected Violation	6
Referred to BLC and ICG	0
Business without County License	11
Pending Disposition	0
Action Taken	11
Corrected Violation	11
Referred to ICG	0

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SHERIFF ACTIVITY

Businesses Inspected	25		
In Compliance	21		
Non Compliance	4		
Non Compliance	4		
Business w/County License	3		
Pending Disposition		0	
Action Taken		3	
	Owner Corrected Violation		3
	Referred to BLC and ICG		
Business without County License	1		
Pending Disposition		0	
Action Taken		1	
	Citation/Warning		0
	Corrected Violation		1
	Referred to ICG		0

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT – AMBULANCE/AMBULETTE

Ambulance/Ambulette Vehicles Inspected	486		
In Compliance	447		
Non Compliance	39		
Action Taken	39		
	Vehicle Out of Service		0
	Owner Corrected Violation		39
	Referred for Hearing		0

REPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF NON COMPLIANCE

Non Compliance	9		
Business w/County License	9		
Pending Disposition		0	
Action Taken		9	
	Owner Corrected Violation		3
	Referred to BLC and ICG		6
Business without County License	0		
Pending Disposition		0	
Action Taken		0	
	Corrected Violation		0
	Referred to ICG		0

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FIRST DISTRICT

Miller's Market, 6022 Olympic Boulevard, East Los Angeles

On July 9, 2003, the Business License Commission conducted a public hearing on a recommendation to deny the Food Establishment Business License renewal for Miller's Market, located at 6022 E. Olympic Boulevard, East Los Angeles. Earlier this year, an employee was issued a misdemeanor citation by the East Los Angeles Sheriff for selling alcohol to a minor. The Treasurer and Tax Collector recommended denial of the business license application. The Business License Commission granted a Food Establishment Business License renewal under the following conditions: (1) owner and his two family members complete the ABC owner education program, (2) provide proof of enrollment in 90 days (3) post signage in English and Spanish that no one under 21 can purchase alcohol, and (4) every customer purchasing alcohol under 30 years of age asked to present identification.

Lucky Seven Market, 4605 Cesar Chavez Avenue, East Los Angeles

On August 6, 2003, the Business License Commission conducted a public hearing on a recommendation to deny a new Food Establishment Business License for Lucky Seven Market located at 4605 Cesar Chavez Avenue, East Los Angeles. Earlier this year, the owner's husband was issued a misdemeanor citation by the East Los Angeles Sheriff for selling alcohol to a minor. The Treasurer and Tax Collector recommended denial of a business license. The Business License Commission granted a new Food Establishment Business License under the following conditions: (1) owner and husband complete the ABC owner education program, (2) provide proof of enrollment in 90 days, (3) post signage in English and Spanish that no one under 21 can purchase alcohol, and (4) every customer purchasing alcohol under 30 years of age be asked to present identification.

First and Second District

Nuisance Business Abatement Operation in Florence/Firestone-Walnut Park Area

On August 22, 2003 in response to a number complaints received by the Sheriff's Department regarding nuisance businesses in the Florence/Firestone-Walnut Park area an abatement operation was conducted. Agencies participating included the Sheriff's Department, State ABC, IRS Fraud Unit, County Health, Public Works, Regional Planning and TTC staff. Two businesses were targeted during this operation.

During this operation both businesses were inspected and cited. Colima Bar, 1748 East Florence Avenue was closed immediately for rodent infestation by County Health. The business establishment was also issued a citation for operating a coin game and coin phonograph without a business license. The Santa Fe Inn, 7604 South Santa Fe Avenue, was issued a citation for conducting entertainment without a business license.

Countywide Sheriff's COPS Team Training

On August 7, 2003 Business License Enforcement staff participated in training for the Sheriff's Countywide COPS team. The training took place at the Sheriff's Operations building at 1060 North Eastern Avenue, East Los Angeles. The purpose of the training was to better inform the officers assigned to the Countywide COPS Team how to use business license enforcement as a tool in their community law enforcement efforts. During the training session, staff explained the business licensing procedures, how licenses are denied, and the appeals process. The focus on the training was on dealing with nuisance businesses. At the Sheriff's request, staff provided business license information on a number of businesses they had received complaints on. Also in attendance was a representative from State ABC, who discussed their procedures regarding Administrative Hearings for violators who fall under their jurisdiction.

2003 Pomona Fair Public Health Collections

From September 10 through September 15, 2003, staff from the Business License Field Inspection Unit inspected the various food vendors at the Pomona Fairgrounds to ensure that each had a valid Public Health License during the Los Angeles County Fair. The Unit was also responsible to collect and deposit all license fees owed by the vendors. A total of \$23,236.00 was collected and deposited.